

In the Claims

1 (currently amended). A reaction mixture for use in a fluid operation comprising a surface adsorbing polymer in a buffered solution and a biomolecule selected from a nucleic acid, polypeptide, peptide, lipid, chemical compound, receptor, ligand, antibody, cell, growth factor, growth inhibitor, enzyme or enzymatic substrate, wherein:

- a) the quantity of said surface adsorbing polymer of said reaction mixture reduces adsorption of an organic material to a surface;
- b) said surface adsorbing polymer binds non-covalently to said surface and has a molecular weight of at least  $5 \times 10^4$  daltons;
- c) said surface adsorbing polymer is not one of the reactants of said fluid operation or is added in excess of the amount ~~normally added to~~ provided in said reaction mixture for conducting said fluid operation; and
- d) said surface adsorbing polymer does not inhibit the fluid operation.

2 (original). The reaction mixture according to claim 1, wherein said reaction mixture is for use in a fluid operation selected from the group consisting of a mixing step, an incubation, a dilution, a titration, a detection, a drug screening assay, a binding assay, a measuring assay and a biochemical reaction.

3 (currently amended). The reaction mixture according to claim 2, wherein said reaction mixture comprises enzymes and said reaction mixture is selected from the group consisting of a Polymerase Chain Reaction mixture, a Ligase Chain Reaction mixture, a primer extension reaction mixture, a genotyping reaction mixture and a microsequencing mixture.

4-6 (canceled).

7 (currently amended). The reaction mixture according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, wherein said surface adsorbing polymer has a molecular weight of at least  $1 \times 10^6$  daltons.

8 (currently amended). The reaction mixture according to claim 2claim-5, wherein said surface adsorbing polymer has a molecular weight of at least  $1 \times 10^6$  daltons.

9 (currently amended). The reaction mixture according to claim 3claim-6, wherein said surface adsorbing polymer has a molecular weight of at least  $1 \times 10^6$  daltons.

10 (original). The reaction mixture according to claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9, wherein said surface adsorbing polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyacrylamides, N-isopropylacrylamides, polydimethylacrylamides, propylene glycols, ethylene glycols, polypropylene glycols, polyethylene glycols, propylene oxides, ethylene oxides, polypropylene oxides and polyethylene oxides, polydimethylsiloxanes and polyvinylpyrrolidones.

11 (original). The reaction mixture according to claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9, wherein said surface adsorbing polymer is a block-copolymer comprising two or more polymers selected from the group consisting of polyacrylamides, N-isopropylacrylamides, polydimethylacrylamides, propylene glycols, ethylene glycols, polypropylene glycols, polyethylene glycols, propylene oxides, ethylene oxides, polypropylene oxides and polyethylene oxides, polydimethylsiloxanes and polyvinylpyrrolidones.

12 (new). The reaction mixture of claim 1, wherein said biomolecule is a nucleic acid.

13 (new). The reaction mixture of claim 1, wherein said biomolecule is a polypeptide.

14 (new). The reaction mixture of claim 1, wherein said biomolecule is a peptide.

15 (new). The reaction mixture of claim 1, wherein said biomolecule is a lipid.

- 16 (new). The reaction mixture of claim 1, wherein said biomolecule is a chemical compound.
- 17 (new). The reaction mixture of claim 1, wherein said biomolecule is a receptor.
- 18 (new). The reaction mixture of claim 1, wherein said biomolecule is a ligand.
- 19 (new). The reaction mixture of claim 1, wherein said biomolecule is an antibody.
- 20 (new). The reaction mixture of claim 1, wherein said biomolecule is a cell.
- 21 (new). The reaction mixture of claim 1, wherein said biomolecule is a growth factor.
- 22 (new). The reaction mixture of claim 1, wherein said biomolecule is a growth inhibitor.
- 23 (new). The reaction mixture of claim 1, wherein said biomolecule is an enzyme.
- 24 (new). The reaction mixture of claim 1, wherein said biomolecule is an enzymatic substrate.